

### REMARKS

This amendment is being made in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner, at page 3, last paragraph, of the Advisory Action. The amendment only clarifies the claimed element, as suggested by the Examiner, and does not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The amendment does, however, place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.

Accordingly, entry should not be refused.


### CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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### Additional Fee

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